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SUBJ: BOURGUIBA FAMILY PLANS PRIVATE US VISIT

1. PRESIDENT'S SON, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, EX-AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, HABIB BOURGUIBA JR., TELLS ME THAT HE AND HIS WIFE, NEILA, ARE PLANNING A MONTH-LONG PRIVATE VISIT IN THE U.S. LAST THREE WEEKS OF AUGUST AND FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. HIS STATED PURPOSE IS "TO SHOW THE U.S. TO HIS DAUGHTER AND ELDER SON BEFORE THEY GET MUCH OLDER AND TO SEE SOME OLD PERSONAL FRIENDS".

2. HE SAYS THAT, WHILE HE HAS NOT YET WORKED OUT THE FAMILY'S WHOLE ITINERARY, HE CURRENTLY PLANS TO SPEND A WEEK ON CAPE COD WITH OLDFRIENDS, A FEW DAYS EACH IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK WITH OTHER OLDFRIENDS, THEN GO TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, THE GRAND CANYON AND POSSIBLY OTHER NATIONAL PARKS IN THE ROCKIES.

3. I TOLD HIM I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN ABOUT THE TRIP WHEN HIS PLANS ARE FIRMER. HE AGREED. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR ALI HEDDA WILL BE KEPT AWARE OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS.

4. FOR DEPT'S INFORMATION, HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR. NOW HOLDS THE TITLE OF SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENCY BUT
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CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE AS PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TUNISIAN BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BDET).
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